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FROM WILLIAM RAMSAY, ESQ.

CAMP NEAR RAYS TOWN Augt. 17. 1758

DR. SIR

Nothing of moment has Occurr'd since I came here, otherwise wou'd have inform'd you. The Genl. expected ev'ry day, this expectation has existed many. The road up the Allegeny Mountains so far as clear'd (by information) is Steep, Stony & of very difficult access, even Alpine difficultys, attend the lightest carriages How the Artillery &c. will be got up this & the Laurel Hill, must be left to better judges and time to determine. I am sorry to hear these delays & proceedings gives you so much uneasiness, tho', 'tis owing to your zeal for the common cause & good of your Country, your prudence, your great desire to serve your Country and being not in the least culpable, shou'd & I hope will support you, in this & ev'ry cause you imbarck in. I need not tell you that however grating orders are to the brave & active, those of superiors must be obey'd. It is very probable after the Genls. arrival, a few days may bring you here. Adieu my Dr. Sir & believe I wish you content & happy & am Your

Affect. & obdt. Servt. WM. RAMSAY